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Arlene Wilgosh, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority president and CEO, speaks to media after the public was given its first look inside the new Mental Health Crisis Response Centre in Winnipeg Tuesday. The centre officially opens June 3. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# Canada's first 24-7 mental health crisis response centre to open in the 'Peg

## \$12.3M project.

Centre will serve as home base to the Adult Mobile Crisis Service

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Winnipeg's new Mental Health Crisis Response Centre — a first of its kind in Canada — will begin taking patients next week.

On Tuesday the province officially unveiled the \$12.3-million facility, which sits just west of the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) at the corner of Bannatyne Avenue and Tecumseh Street and promises to accommodate at least 10,000 people per year with no more

than 15 minutes of wait time per patient.

"We know that one in four Canadians will face a mental health episode or crisis," Health Minister Theresa Oswald said at the provincially-funded centre Tuesday.

"It needs to come out of the shadows.... It's OK to raise your hand and say, 'I could use a little more help,' and this is the place where you can come to get it."

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority president Arlene Wilgosh hopes the centre will relieve some of the pressure from Winnipeg hospital emergency rooms, which see more than 10,000 patients in mental health crises annually and encourage more to get the help they need when they need it.

"There's doctors, nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers," said Wilgosh.

## Doors opening soon

The centre opens June 3 and will have a staff of more than 35 health professionals that will be on hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"I feel there are some people that are not accessing help right now because they don't want to go to an emergency department."

The 27,270-square-foot facility is closely linked with the HSC and services provided will include integrated mental-health assessment, crisis intervention and mental-health crisis treatment. The centre will also act as a hub to connect those experiencing a mental-health crisis with further treatment or hospitalization at the HSC as required.

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In custody

## American to be detained in Manitoba for several more days

A Colorado man accused of attacking his estranged wife and kidnapping the couple's son is to be detained in Manitoba for at least seven more days.

The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada has ruled that Monty Ray Turner, 51, must remain in custody while preparations are made for an immigration admissibility hearing on whether he should be sent back to the United States.

"You are likely a fugitive from justice in the United States. You are the subject of a number of warrants out of the United States," board member Laura Ko said Tuesday in the detention review hearing, which was held via teleconference. Ko was in Vancouver while Turner was at the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

"It indicates to me that you have not complied with instructions of the police or the court system in the United States ... and that leads me to have a concern that you would not be likely to comply with conditions of your release to appear for future immigration proceedings here in Canada."

Warren Kelley, a lawyer for the Canada Border Services Agency, told the hearing Turner did not volunteer any information or answer any questions after being arrested.

Tuesday's detention review hearing is mandatory under Canadian law — people in custody have their situations reviewed within 48 hours.

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## Dog-park concerns. City wants more information on Chief Peguis Trail plans

Citizens' concerns over the potential loss of a dog park just northwest of the city has prompted the members of a committee to send a letter to the Manitoba government.

Coun. Brian Mayes (St. Vital) brought up the concerns about the off-leash fixture at Little Mountain Park — which is in the Rural Municipality of Rosser but popular among Winnipeg dog owners — during Tuesday's infrastructure renewal and public works com-

mittee meeting.

Since the park is located outside of the city's boundaries, no councillor is tasked to defend its interests, with Mayes calling it an "orphan."

The CBC reported Winnipeg dog owners are concerned about a drawing by CentrePort and Shindico that show possible extensions of the Chief Peguis Trail either cutting a corner of the park, or right through it.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

## Busted. Investigation stops alleged Winnipeg residential break-in ring

Winnipeg police say they've busted up a crime ring responsible for more than 20 residential break-ins across the city dating back to last year.

Police opened an investigation dubbed Project Venetian after responding to a rash of break-ins with similar circumstances between Nov. 2012 and Feb. 2013.

The homes were targeted during the day hours while homeowners were away.

according to police who allege the ring used a stolen vehicle to make off with electronics, jewellery and other items from inside the homes.

In total police allege the suspects stole about \$90,000 worth of property, three vehicles from dealerships totaling about \$110,000, and are responsible for \$23,000 in damages to residences.

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# ECE students in the province get a boost

### Funds. Province announces additional funding for the Early Childhood Educator Workplace program



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Up to 70 more students will benefit every year from a program that helps them earn a full-time wage at a daycare while they get the training they need to become full Early Childhood Educators.

The province announced additional funding for the Early Childhood Educator Workplace program, which will now see more spaces funded at Assiniboine Com-

munity College and a new french-language diploma program at l'Université de Saint-Boniface.

Student Eva Friesen said she couldn't have done both school, family and work without the program.

"I always wanted to get into childcare but I didn't know how to get into it," said Friesen, who is taking the program through Discovery Child Care Centre and Red River College.

"With working, and school, this program has allowed me to do that."

Program participants must have been working at a licenced child care program for two years before they can participate. Once accepted, they are given job training in school and at the day care they work at



Eva Friesen speaks to two kids at Discovery Day Care Centre, where she is training. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

while still earning full time wages. The new investment into the program will cost \$2 million and see 135 ECEs trained this year, said family

services minister Jennifer Howard.

Howard also said in May, 200 more day care spaces were created.

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## Tiff. Auditor, 2 councillors square off on future and cost of public golf courses

Winnipeg's chief auditor made his case, but it's unclear whether any members of Mayor Sam Katz's cabinet are changing their vote during Wednesday's council meeting on a plan to lease four golf courses and sell off a fifth.

Brian Whiteside, along with deputy city auditor Bryan Mansky, spent nearly an hour Tuesday afternoon providing information and answering questions from members of the executive policy committee during a special meeting.

Both auditors argued the findings of the 2010 Winnipeg Golf Services Operational Review still apply today: namely that the city should "divest itself from the operation of public golf courses," as stated in their presentation.

However, councillors Dan Vandal and Brian Mayes said they remain steadfast in their opposition.

Vandal, who believes the oft-cited \$1-million loss figure is exaggerated, said the auditor proved his point that the revenues paid to the city by the golf special operating agency

### Figure questioned

# \$1M

Coun. Dan Vandal believes the oft-cited \$1-million loss figure for the public golf courses is exaggerated.

(SOA) weren't taken into account in the review.

"That's a good line, saying the SOA loses a million, but \$600,000 of that, minimum, per year goes into general revenues," said Vandal.

"We have a balanced policy on golf, we have three fully public courses and we have nine private courses and that's what Winnipeggers appreciate."

Vandal also called the meeting a "misuse" of the auditor's time.

Mayor Sam Katz called Vandal's comment ridiculous and said it was members of the audit department who were "extremely perturbed" by the comments made during last Wednesday's EPC meeting.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

## Bright idea. City looking into light bulb recycling

Light bulb recycling may be offered in Winnipeg after a city committee asked its administration to look into a local company's proposal.

In an email to Coun. Mike Pagtakhan (Point Douglas), Sheldon Koslovsky of EDS Lamp Recycling said his company is the only one in the province licensed to recycle the mercury fluorescent bulbs.

Items containing mercury are not allowed in the landfill.

The Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan community committee approved a motion at its May 14 meeting to pass along the information to the infrastructure renewal and public works committee, which referred the matter to the city's administration for further review during its Tuesday meeting.

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Winnipeg entomologist Taz Stuart speaks to media at the city's latest update from the Insect Control Branch Tuesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# Invasion of the bloodsuckers

**Safe for now.** Cooler weather has meant fewer mosquitoes, but if the mercury rises, prepare for an onslaught, city warns



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Roll down your sleeves and pull up your socks Winnipeg, the city says we could see our

first batch of big ol' summer mosquitoes within a week or so.

But while weather conditions have been ripe for quicker larval development and small batches of spring adult nuisance mosquitoes have been seen around the city, Winnipeg's entomologist Taz Stuart said Tuesday trap numbers have been lower than normal so far.

"We are seeing a nice decrease from the norm," he said, noting city-wide New Jersey Light Trap counts Tuesday were about .5, while the

10-year average is closer to 2.5 for this time of year. "You could relate that to a very, very delayed spring — we are about two to three weeks behind."

Stuart said the first generation of bigger and bolder summer bloodsuckers are expected to appear in water over the next seven to 10 days with the right weather conditions, and he encourages Winnipeggers to help the fight by dumping any standing water on their property.

Stuart will be monitoring conditions daily and said

### Doppelganger

Bugs that look similar to mosquitoes, called Midges, have been flying around the city recently. The Midges are about the same size as skeeters, and tend to swarm as well, but do not bite.

the city is ready to fog with Malathion and a new experimental biological fog called Pyrocide, which is made from flowers, if mosquitoes get bad enough.

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## Rosser. Winnipeg man arrested after armed rural gas station robbery

A Winnipeg man is facing charges after two armed men robbed a gas station in the RM of Rosser over the weekend.

Stonewall RCMP were called to the Red Sun Gas Bar on Hwy 6 just after midnight Saturday after two men with their faces hidden came in waving a gun and demanded cash.

The men fled in a grey SUV with undisclosed cash, smokes and lottery tickets.

The suspect vehicle was found in the Maples area of Winnipeg by city police a short

time later where a man was arrested. Police are still looking for a second man.

Ian Scott McKinney, 23, of Winnipeg has been charged with robbery with a firearm, two counts of pointing a firearm and possession of property obtained by crime.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of the second suspect are asked to call Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015, their local police agency or Manitoba CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477. **METRO**

### That name again is Mr. Plow

#### Drunk snowplow operator pleads guilty

A Winnipeg snowplow operator has pleaded guilty to driving under the influence.

A resident called police the night of March 19 to report a snowplow driver was sleeping with the machine still running.

Court heard Bazyli Lemecha woke up when officers arrived and asked him to turn off the plow. He drove off instead, but was stopped by police, who could smell alcohol and found a bottle of booze inside the snowplow.

Lemecha was fined \$1,500 and banned from driving for a year. He remains employed by the City of Winnipeg. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/GLOBAL WINNIPEG**



## Graduation: The beginning of repaying debt

This week, the University of Manitoba will confer degrees, diplomas and certificates on 2,845 graduates, compared with 2,767 graduates last year. More than 193,000 U of M students have graduated since 1877.

CHRIS RUTOWSKI/UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

# Smashed stand-ups + crocked crowd = hammered hilarity

**The Drunk Show.** Nine Winnipeg comedians to get drunk and try to do their acts

In comedy, bombing is bad. Getting bombed? Well, that's good.

Devious Studios and comedian Chantel Marostica present The Drunk Show Wednesday at the Park Theatre. The intoxicated event features nine of Winnipeg's best comedians getting savagely drunk and then attempting to do their acts.

Marostica saw the plastered premise work while living in Montreal and says it's especially fun for fans of the local comedy scene.

"There's a fan base that knows our jokes already or at least knows what kind of comics we are, but now they get to see how different we are when we're hammered. It's cute and endearing to the audience, but also hilarious," she said.

Adding to the hammered



Some of the imbibers who will be participating in The Drunk Show on Wednesday. **METRO/HANDOUT**

hilarity is that the audience will be playing a drinking game, the rules of which will be made up before the show.

"It'll be things like, every time the comics mess up a joke that you know, you drink," Marostica said, noting that there will be designated drivers on hand and a fleet of taxis outside the venue after the show.

"Every time they look like they're going to pass out, you drink. If a comic pukes, you chug your drink."

In addition to Marostica, the stand-ups are Dan Glasswick, Mike Green, John B. Duff, Matt Nightingale, Jordan Welwood, Ryan Ash, Paul Rabliauskas and Benjamin Walker.

"I picked people that are

funny every time they hit the stage. They're the best comics in Winnipeg. I'm just throwing them a curveball," Marostica said, adding: "As comics, our blood is made of beer."

Tickets for The Drunk Show are \$15 available at [deviousstudios.com](http://deviousstudios.com) or by calling 204-963-4324. Showtime is 8 p.m.

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## On the right track

## Roberta Cowell

Race car driver, former Second World War pilot and father of two, Roberta Cowell, now 95, was born Robert Marshall Cowell.

Growing up with signs of hermaphrodisim, Cowell had feminine qualities such as wide hips, narrow shoulders and undeveloped but apparent breasts. "I had always known that my body had certain feminine characteristics," she wrote in an autobiography titled Roberta Cowell's Story (British Book Centre, Inc.) published in 1954.

Cowell gained notoriety as the first known British transsexual woman to have sex reassignment surgery. Cowell was Robert until the age of 33, and then the transformation began.

We may think that present-day society is more accepting of all sexual identities. This hasn't always been so: "People are apt to hate as well as fear the unfamiliar," Cowell writes.

PHOTO: HANDOUT



## Game changer

## Justin Fashanu

The world's first professional soccer player to publicly come out as gay, Justin Fashanu's story turned tragic in 1998 when he committed suicide.

"You have to understand that footballers are very narrow-minded people," the former Norwich City forward said in one interview. "It's the nature of the business. When you put yourself in the firing line, you are open to attack. I know I'm there to be shot down in flames."

At the time of his death in May 1998, he was charged with sexual assault and the accuser was a 17-year-old boy from Maryland, U.S. In a suicide note, Fashanu said the sexual relations were consensual, and believed he wouldn't get a fair trial because of his homosexuality. Fashanu was found hanged in a garage in London, England. He was 37 years old.



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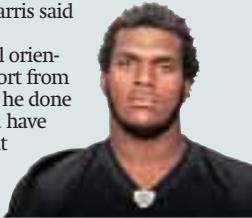
## Tackling the tough issues

## Kwame Harris

Jamaican-born former NFL player Kwame Harris, 31, was publicly outed in January following a highly publicized fight and legal battle with his ex-boyfriend Dimitri Geier. The former offensive lineman played for the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Raiders for six seasons. Harris described his conflict over whether or not to come out while he was in the league as "turmoil" and "despair" and regretted his decision to keep his sexuality private during his time in the NFL. "I didn't see those two things as being compatible, but now when I look back in hindsight, I could have done it differently," Harris said in a CNN interview.

After officially going public with his sexual orientation, Harris received an outpouring of support from family members and former teammates. Had he done so while on the professional league, he would have been the first and only NFL player to come out as gay.

PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES



When basketball player Jason Collins came out early this year, he renewed the debate about whether openly gay players are welcome in the arena of professional sports. While others came before him — David Kopay, Martina Navratilova, Ian Roberts, Mark Tewksbury, Gareth Thomas and Robbie Rogers — will locker rooms be the last closet?

# A level playing field?

**Team Tolerance.** Metro brought together a diverse group of athletes for a round table discussion on sports and sexuality

JENNIFER MELO  
Metro Canada

More than 45 years after Pierre Elliott Trudeau declared the state had no business in the bedrooms of the nation, 21 years after Canada allowed gays and lesbians to serve openly in our military, and more than a decade since same-sex marriage has been legal across the country, Canadians may think we'd finally be able to stamp "paid" to the gay/lesbian/queer rights debate.

Sadly, we have yet to smash a significant barrier — the right

for Canada's LGBT community to play community-league sports without the fear of literal and metaphorical locker room lockouts.

Dave Doucette, 41, played hockey until he was 16. He vividly remembers hearing gay slurs, disparaging remarks about women and talk that made him feel like an outcast. "F-ing faggots" and similar comments came out in the dressing room and you're like, 'Oh God. I think I'm one of those.'

Add the usual team pack mentality, where aggression and adrenaline are considered performance enhancing "drugs" and it's easy to see how homophobia can run rampant.

Eric Demarbre, 34, admits he was one of the bullies, picking on others when he played high school hockey. Even though he knew he was gay, he "didn't show it," alluding to stereotyp-

ical gay male behaviours. While Demarbre victimized others, he too suffered. "I never felt any feeling worse in my life than that. Like go-home-and-cry bad," he explained. "You're pretending to be one of them, and you're debasing yourself in that process just so you can fit in."

The women in our group tell me the experience is different in women's sports. Their sexuality didn't keep them from playing the sports they love.

But they didn't get off Scot-free either. "My team and I went to Montreal for a tournament and we stayed overnight," remembers Ana Oliveira, a 34-year-old soccer player from Brampton. "A couple of the girls said they didn't want to stay with me in the room because they didn't want me to touch them inappropriately. I said, 'Don't flatter yourself. You're not my type.'"

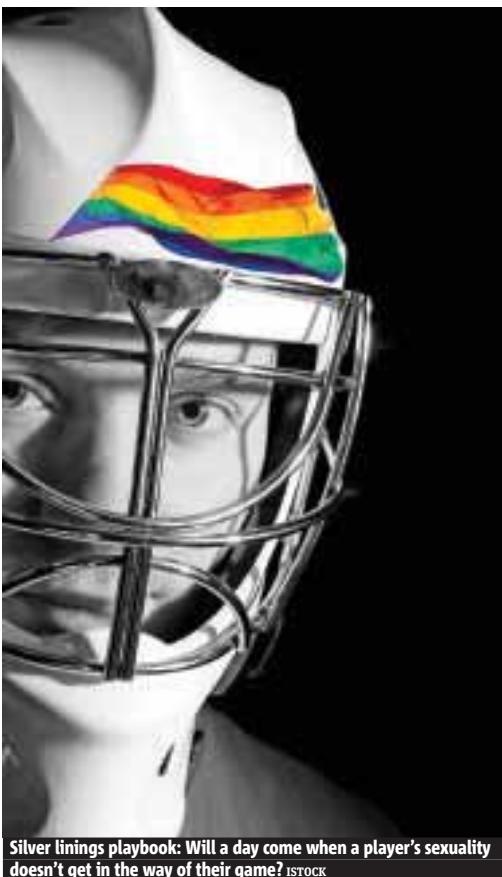
Oliveira, who was supported

by friends, family, coaches and teachers since she came out as a lesbian at the age of 17, said the experience was unexpected. "I was surprised at the comment, but I didn't let it get to me," she said. "They're ignorant and it was my job to just stop it there." On the field, the incident was forgotten. "We played. We were focused. We just wanted to play," Oliveira said.

Receiving an unwanted sexual advance in the locker room is perhaps the greatest unspoken fear in mixed (gay and heterosexual) teams. "I'm pretty sure it's the only thing that anyone's really worried about," Demarbre said.

But straight guys should stop worrying, says Doucette. "I play on an all-gay hockey team," he says. "We're in the showers with a bunch of gay guys and nothing's happening so..."

Only one of our group came out while playing on a mixed



Silver linings playbook: Will a day come when a player's sexuality doesn't get in the way of their game? ISTOCK

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Putting bigotry on ice

## Angela James

Toronto-born Angela James, 48, is one of the first two women inducted into the international Hockey Hall of Fame, a seven-time gold medal winner, a top performer for Team Canada and "the Wayne Gretzky of women's hockey." She's also a lesbian, a wife and a mother.

James was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, an occasion where she publicly acknowledged the roles of her partner, Ange, in her life and their three children. In an interview with Xtra!, James explained the significance of the event. "Until then, no openly gay athlete had ever been inducted into one of the major North American sports halls of fame. In fact, no current or former NHL player has ever come out." Today, James and her partner have three children. **PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES**



Who's it gonna be?

**"I actually think it's going to be a grassroots kid who changes the professional sports world. It's gonna be some kid who's just amazing at his sport and it'll be like, 'Oh, he's gay.' And then nobody's gonna be able to say anything about it."**

**Eric Demarbre**  
On whether or not professional athletes will change the future for grassroots sports.

(queer and straight) sports team. What would it have taken for the others to do so? "A miracle!" says Doucette. "Because of everything that's being said in that room, there was no way I was going to ostracize myself."

Change is happening, though. There is support for the LGBT community with organizations like Outsport Toronto and programs like the You Can Play Project, encouraging LGBT athletes to keep competing. And if teachers, coaches, family and friends of the LGBT community work together, maybe there will come a time when an NBA player's public declaration of homosexuality won't be a big deal.

But according to this group,

that time is not now.

"I'd like to believe that no one's going to care if every gay athlete came out, but that's not necessarily the case," says J.D. Muir, 29, who's played on men's hockey, rugby and football teams. Muir talks about how we define sports as a culture. "They're aggressive. They're war games," he explains. And the language used in sports, he says, includes homophobic slurs and pressure to be strong, powerful and non-submissive.

Strong role models can help. "You hear about kids being bullied and beat up and ostracized, so to have someone to look up to is really important," says Lela Kouyoumdjian, 38, who plays for the Toronto Soccer Association and Pink Turf soccer league.

Today, Jason Collins is the only major league athlete to come out while still in the game. "I think there's a lot of paving still to be done," Kouyoumdjian says. "When someone like Collins comes out, it's very courageous; it's very brave. And we need more people to do that." We can all make a difference, however, and we can start by choosing our words with care. "It's words like lame and retarded and gay," says Doucette. We can work on "eradicating these words that people fluff off and don't consider as damaging — except by the people they're being thrown at."

Kick-starting some compassion

## Alan Gendreau

Could he be the NFL's first openly gay player? He'll have to get drafted first, but Alan Gendreau, 23, is the first publicly gay athlete to enter the NFL draft.

Out since he was 16, Gendreau had supportive teammates both during his high school football years in Apopka, Fla., and in his college football years at Middle Tennessee State. But not everyone was accepting of his sexual orientation. Gendreau was asked to leave when he brought a boyfriend to a church event. "It was like my family telling me I wasn't allowed to come home," the devout Christian said in an interview with Outsports, a website that serves the community of gay athletes in sports. "I'm a kicker that happens to be gay," Gendreau said in an interview with the New York Times. "It's a part of who I am, and not everything I am. I just want to be known as a normal kicker."

**PHOTO: GOBLUERAIDERS.COM**



Fight for your right

## Orlando Cruz

Ranked No. 4 featherweight by the World Boxing Organization, Orlando Cruz, 31, became the first active professional boxer to publicly come out on Oct. 4, 2012, declaring in a statement, "I have always been and always will be a proud gay man."

In an interview with The Associated Press, the former Olympic athlete for team Puerto Rico said, "I developed physically and mentally to take such a big step in my life and in my profession ... knowing that it would have pros and cons, highs and lows, in this sport that is so macho. I kept this hidden for many, many years."

Supported by family, his trainer and his manager, Cruz is a role model for kids and his message is one of empowerment: Who you are and who you love should not impede your life's achievements. **PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES**



# 'I never in my life felt bad for being gay'

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The 28-year-old retired from Canada's national women's hockey team a month ago, after undergoing years of hip and hernia surgeries from sport-related injuries. Today, Sarah Vaillancourt, from Sherbrooke, Que., continues to follow her heart, coaching teen athletes, pursuing a master's degree with a goal to becoming an ESL teacher and building a house with her girlfriend. In this exclusive interview, Vaillancourt shares her thoughts on living proud.

**What do you think of NBA player Jason Collins' decision to come out publicly?**

It's really brave and if more athletes had the courage to do it, it would become something so normal that we wouldn't even have to say it out loud.

**Why do you think so few pro athletes come out?**

A lot of athletes are afraid to be seen differently. And they want to be known more for their athletic performances



Sarah Vaillancourt, Tessa Bonhomme and Rebecca Johnston.

**BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES**

than their sexual orientation.

**Do you think sponsorship and endorsement opportunities would increase or decrease after coming out?**

Unfortunately, I think they'd decrease. But I strongly hope and wish that at some point, it doesn't matter ... you get sponsorships for the person and the athlete that you are, regardless of your sexual orientation.

**What was behind your decision to come out publicly?**

To help people suffer less and give them strength.

When I was at Harvard University someone commit-

ted suicide, another person tried to, and I later heard that they were homosexuals. Something like that rings a bell in your head. If I can help people come out and be who they want to be — and be who they are — if I can save one or two lives, that goes a long way.

**Have you ever experienced homophobia?**

No, never. I've been really lucky. I don't think I allow people to be homophobes around me either, so...

**How do you do that?**

Stand up for yourself. Be proud of who you are. And know that you're not alone.

Sending out a message

As we celebrate Pride Week 2013, what's one message you'd like to share with the LGBT community?

- "Be proud of who you are as a person — your values, your sexual orientation, your beliefs, everything — just be proud of who you are and follow your heart."

Did you have any lesbian role models in sports?

Not in sports, but in my family. Two uncles and one aunt are gay. Even in that generation, they always brought their significant others with them to Christmas parties. Ever since I was born they had the same partners and still do today ... my aunt is almost 70. They're not athletes, but they're amazing role models for me and for my family. My grandpa and grandma were really ahead of their time. I give them a lot of credit. It had a really positive impact on me too. I never in my life felt bad for being gay.

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## Local conference helps grow Canadian GLBT community

Manitoba will become the first Canadian province to host the World Conference of GLBT Jews, Keshet Ga'ava (Rainbow of Pride).

The 21st international conference takes place July 5 to 7 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. The weekend is packed with meals, speakers, panel discussions and a film screening.

Conference co-chairs Paula Parks and Arthur Blankstein attended the 2010 event in Los Angeles and said they thought they could run a better one.

"Canada's a much freer country," said Blankstein, referring to the higher tolerance for the LGBTIQ community in the country. "They've never held the conference in Canada."

He added it will help grow the LGBTIQ community in Winnipeg in particular and in Canada in general.

The conference is open to people of all faiths and sexualities. Blankstein said the Professional Development Day, which takes place the

**Sign up**

Basic registration for non-members for the weekend is \$325. Further information and details are available at [keshetdorvdr.com](http://keshetdorvdr.com).

Friday of the weekend conference, would be particularly beneficial to anyone in the LGBTIQ community who wants to learn how to interface with people outside the community better.

The Professional Development Day is separate from the rest of the weekend and is paid for separately.

Attendees do not need to sign up for the weekend in order to go to the Friday event.

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# High school sucks, but a GSA makes it better

**Gay-Straight Alliance.**  
Getting involved can make your high school experience a bit more tolerable

**SARA KENNY**  
Outwards Magazine

High school sucks. Being raised by a high school teacher, I was aware of this for a long time. High school is where personalities clash and your face turns into a breeding ground for volcanoes while you and every single person around you is going through the awkward transition from childhood to the real world.

I knew what I was getting into on my first day of Grade 9, but I never thought about it much more than that. High school was the place where I'd have to morph into an adult and there was nothing else to it. All I had to do was keep my head down and get to the



By getting involved in your school's Gay-Straight Alliance, you can make your high school experience suck a little less.

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other side alive. Trying not to cringe at the shrieks of "That's so gay" in the halls was another big aspect of my life, too.

Three years ago, I heard an announcement for Garden City Collegiate's first-ever Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). There would be snacks for all that attended. Free lunch and a safe space? Of course I was down.

Through being a part of it, I came to one of those after-school-special realizations: I

didn't have to let high school suck.

So that was what I decided to do. Since then, I've been there on every opportunity I've had. Bake sales? Of course I was there, selling delicious brownies. Rainbow ribbons needed making? I was so there. Bill 18 getting opposed? Guess who was collecting signatures in support of it? Although attendance at the actual weekly meetings has sometimes been

pretty low, through all these other experiences I've seen countless allies come out of the woodwork to help us and show their support. Teachers have put up Safe Space stickers in their windows and I haven't heard "That's so gay" or other homophobic slurs being yelled out as much as I used to.

I still firmly believe that high school sucks, I just also believe that it can suck a little less when you want it to.

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# Senate sending Duffy's claims to RCMP for review

## Expense scandal.

From 2011-12, Sen. Mike Duffy asked for Ottawa-based living expenses for 49 days when he wasn't there

Senate officials confirmed they have found a troubling pattern of Sen. Mike Duffy improperly claiming living expenses, including several days in 2011 when he was campaigning across the country for the Conservatives.

Senators meeting at a committee late Tuesday voted to send the matter of Duffy's expenses to the RCMP, after hearing the new information.

Senate finance officials de-

tailed how Duffy made claims for living expenses for his Ottawa home, while he was elsewhere in the country.

Duffy did not attend the committee meeting.

The Canadian Press first reported two weeks ago that Duffy had said he was on Senate business while campaigning with Conservative candidates. Shortly afterward, Duffy resigned from the Tory caucus.

But it wasn't until the latest report was tabled Tuesday night that an account was given on the days Duffy was claiming expenses.

During the 2011 election, Duffy asked for Ottawa-based living expenses on seven separate days when he was out of town. In total, in 2011 and 2012, Duffy made claims on 49

days he was not in Ottawa. "It represents a pattern that raises concerns," the report says.

An independent audit by the firm Deloitte had raised the possibility that Duffy had been claiming expenses while not in Ottawa, but underlined that the senator had not provided them with adequate documentation and never met with auditors.

But the Conservatives in the Senate declared the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit, pointing to the fact that Duffy had repaid the \$90,000 in living expenses.

The matter blew open again, however, when it was revealed that the \$90,000 bill was actually paid with the help of the prime minister's then chief of staff Nigel Wright.

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# No end in sight



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## Police involvement

### New twists in Toronto mayor crack scandal

The controversy around an alleged video appearing to show the mayor of Toronto smoking crack cocaine showed no signs of diminishing Tuesday as the leader of Canada's largest city sidestepped questions about a new twist in the scandal.

The Toronto Star reported a police investigation was triggered after two of the mayor's closest staffers discussed how to handle a tip about the possible location of the alleged video. Their discussion reportedly came one day after reports of the video first surfaced on May 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Worst. Birthday. Ever?

A handful of residents in party hats and streamers tried to crash a meeting of the mayor's executive committee to deliver a birthday cake — one frosted with an unusual message.

- Written in red and blue frosting were the words "Happy Birthday Rob, Please Resign."



## It's a must-see



"I think if we could just get the video then we could analyze the video, and see if it's doctored or if it's real."

Among those eager to see the video is Toronto's deputy mayor Doug Holyday, who believes a clip of some sort exists.

## Showing them the money

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Gawker reached a \$200,000 fundraising goal to buy and post the clip on Monday but was having difficulty locating whoever claimed to have the video.

# Israel could strike Russia-Syria missile shipment

## Hardline warning.

Government fears weapons could fall into hands of militant groups

Israel's defence chief said Tuesday a Russian plan to supply sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles to Syria was a "threat" and signalled that Israel is prepared to use force to stop the delivery.

The warning by Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon ratcheted up tensions with Moscow over the planned sale of S-300 air-defence missiles to Syria. Earlier in the day, a top Russian official said his government remained committed to the deal.

Israel has been lobbying Moscow to halt the sale, fearing the missiles would upset the balance of power in the region and could slip into the hands of hostile groups, includ-

ing the Lebanese militia Hezbollah, a close ally of the Syrian regime.

Israel has carried out several airstrikes in Syria in recent months that are believed to have destroyed weapons shipments bound for Hezbollah. The government has not confirmed carrying out the attacks.

The delivery of the Russian missiles to Syria could limit the Israeli air force's ability to act.

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## The wrong hands

Since the Syrian conflict erupted in 2011, Israel has repeatedly voiced concerns that Syria's arsenal, including chemical weapons, could either be transferred to Hezbollah or fall into the hands of al-Qaida-affiliated rebels battling the Syrian president.



This undated photo shows a Russian S-300 anti-aircraft missile system on display in Russia. Similar weapons are reportedly being shipped to Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Eastern China. Firefighters rescue newborn baby lodged in sewer pipe

Chinese firefighters have rescued a newborn boy from a sewer pipe below a squat toilet, sawing out an L-shaped section and then delicately dismantling it to free the cooed baby, who greeted the rescuers with cries.

A tenant heard the baby's sounds in the public restroom of a residential building in Zhejiang province in eastern China on Saturday and notified authorities, according to the state-run news site Zhejiang News. A video of the two-hour rescue that followed was broadcast widely on Chinese news programs and websites late Monday and Tuesday.

The child — named Baby No. 59 from the number of

his hospital incubator — was reported safe in a nearby hospital, and news of the rescue prompted an outpouring from strangers who came to the hospital with diapers, baby clothes, powdered milk and offers to adopt the child.

Police are treating the case as an attempted homicide, and are looking for the mother and anyone else involved in the incident.

The landlord of the building in Pujiang county told Zhejiang News that it was unlikely the birth took place in the toilet room because there was no evidence of blood and she was not aware of any recent pregnancies among her tenants.

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An image taken from a Saturday video of rescue workers cutting away the sewage pipe in which a newborn baby was trapped. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Novel coronavirus

### SARS-related virus claims life of French patient

A French patient infected with a deadly new respiratory virus related to SARS died Tuesday of the disease, which has killed half of the 40 people known to be infected and alarmed health officials.

The novel coronavirus

is related to SARS, which killed some 800 people in a global epidemic in 2003. Dr. Margaret Chan, head of the World Health Organization, singled out the illness in a speech on Monday in Geneva.

"We understand too little about this virus when viewed against the magnitude of its potential threat," Chan said at the annual WHO meeting. "We do not know where the virus hides in nature."

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## Fraud. Former CSIS watchdog head arrested

The former head of Canada's spy-agency watchdog, who received prestigious government appointments and was nearly honoured with a street in his name, has been arrested abroad on fraud charges.

Arthur Porter has been detained by Panamanian authorities, along with his wife Pamela, several months after Quebec police announced they wanted to charge him in connection with the province's ongoing corruption scandals.

The pair's arrest was announced in a statement Monday by Quebec's anti-corruption police watchdog, which said the operation was carried out with the help of the RCMP.

**Warning: Graphic content**

### Puerto Rico investigating animal abuse case

Authorities are investigating what they say is one of the worst cases of animal abuse



Arthur Porter THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

and Interpol. "Extradition proceedings are being undertaken," the statement said.

Porter became head of the Security Intelligence Review Committee two years after he was appointed to the watchdog by the Harper government in 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

they've seen in Puerto Rico: a puppy found alive with all four legs largely cut off, leaving exposed bone.

A veterinarian said the black mongrel puppy's bones were rotting and the infection was too severe to be treated. It was euthanized Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Jailed Canadian quietly released nearly 6 years on



Mohamed Kohail, shown in this undated photo, has been quietly released from a Saudi prison after nearly six years. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Saudi Arabia.** Kohail was freed in December but family has kept quiet to allow the case to play itself out

A Canadian who was once condemned to death by beheading has been quietly released from a Saudi prison, after almost six years behind bars.

Documents obtained by The Canadian Press indicate that Mohamed Kohail was freed last December.

The documents from the Department of Foreign Affairs, obtained through the Access to Information Act, are redacted and do not indicate the circumstances under which Kohail was freed.

His story drew international attention in 2007. The ex-Montrealer was sentenced to death for his alleged role in a fatal schoolyard melee.

### Brother's status

Mohamed's brother, Sultan Kohail, had been sentenced to 200 lashes and a year in prison for being an accessory to the crime, before his case was appealed.

He and a Jordanian friend were both ordered beheaded, by sword, for their alleged involvement in the killing of a 19-year-old in a brawl that began with an insult to a girl by Kohail's brother, Sultan.

The brothers have repeatedly said they were acting in self-defence and were not involved in inflicting the fatal wounds during the fight, which had involved dozens of teenagers.

The country's highest court overturned the death penalty for Mohamed Kohail in 2010. Both brothers remain in Saudi Arabia, awaiting news about any developments in their legal status. THE CANADIAN PRESS

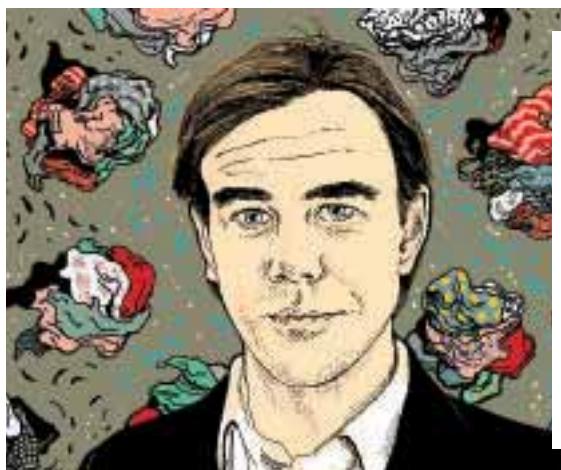
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 **ELISABETH BRAW**  
Metro World News in Stockholm

Life is going swimmingly for Karl-Johan Persson, H&M's young, handsome CEO—despite the global recession, the cheap-chic chain is doing well. But the recent collapse of a garment factory building in Bangladesh has put H&M in the spotlight, even though the retailer didn't use the factories. Persson talks with Metro in an exclusive interview at H&M's headquarters in Stockholm.

#### Domestic flights

#### Air Canada told to increase payouts for bumping

Air Canada has been ordered to boost the compensation paid to passengers it bumps from overbooked domestic flights.

The Canadian Transportation Agency ruled the existing practice of paying \$100 cash or a \$200 travel voucher is unreasonable in cases that are not due to operational and safety reasons. It has given the airline 30 days to submit new compensation guidelines.

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#### Market Minute

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**Has the recession harmed H&M or has it instead benefited you because people have turned to cheaper clothes?**

When the whole apparel market diminishes it affects H&M as well, but at the same time I think more people discover H&M in times like these because they start questioning their clothing purchases. People want a good look with a good quality for a low price, and that's what H&M offers.

**Last month a clothing factory collapsed and killed over**

**1,000 workers. Now H&M, the biggest manufacturer of clothes in Bangladesh, has signed an agreement where you agree to help your Bangladeshi suppliers pay for safety measures. Are the factories safe now?**

The factory collapse was horrific, but our code of conduct bans use of factories in residential areas, so this was not an H&M supplier. But we've been working to improve conditions in Bangladesh for a long time. The major change with the agreement is that we join up with other buyers, with trade

#### Quoted

**"If you spot our top for \$15 and one elsewhere for \$150, people will think, 'These workers are much better paid.' But their pay is the same."**

Karl-Johan Persson, CEO of retailer H&M

unions and with the government.

**But isn't the problem that people want cheap clothes?**

**Then it never makes sense for a company to use better factories.**

Yes, but it's a common misconception that cheap brands use certain manufacturers and expensive brands use others. We're one of 30 to 40 companies buying from many of our suppliers. The workers' pay is the same regardless of which company is buying. What's interesting is not the price of the clothing item but what the company does. Don't look at the prices. Maybe I sound cocky, but I dare promise that no apparel company in the

whole world does as much as H&M.

**What does that look like for factory workers?**

We've signed the new plan for building and fire safety in Bangladesh. And we demand that workers are paid the wages they should have. We're also involved in a social dialogue and educate workers about their rights. And we try to influence decision-makers. Recently I spoke with the Bangladeshi prime minister (Sheikh Hasina) about increasing the minimum wage.

#### Antitrust case. EU official says Google will have to make further concessions to settle complaint

The European Union's antitrust chief said Tuesday that Google will have to offer more changes to the way it displays search results to settle a pending case.

The period to examine Google's proposals has been extended by one month and his office will ask Google with "almost 100 per cent" certainty in June to do yet more, Joaquin Almunia told the European Parliament.

Google's search engine enjoys a near-monopoly in Europe with a market share of above 90 per cent.

The EU Commission, the 27-nation bloc's antitrust authority, has been investigating since 2010 whether Google is abusing its dominant market position. It pointed out areas of concern that Google is now trying to address through the proposed concessions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

#### Hell freezes over. Advertising coming to 2 CBC radio networks

The CBC has been given permission by the federal broadcast regulator to introduce advertising on some of its radio networks, breaking a four-decade tradition of commercial-free service.

The change, contained in a licence renewal decision, will only apply to the public broadcaster's secondary radio networks, the all-music Radio 2 and its French-language equivalent, Espace Musique. Advertising will also be limited to four minutes every hour.

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# CRACK SUMMER'S TO-DO LIST

If reading about Rob Ford has got you down, welcome to the Island of Sunny Sentiments, where the only thing we're thinking about today is where to go on our summer vacation.

In this, we're not alone. Across Canada, 5.2 million school kids are gazing out the window wondering the same thing.

Good idea, you're thinking. Anything beats another chapter of Ford Follies. Just one problem: too many choices. Once again, you've come to the right place. I'm an expert on Canadian getaways, having got to all of them except Newfoundland, which is always a bit out of reach.

To get you started, here are my top five Canadian summer vacation choices (in no particular order). Feel free to chime in anytime with your own. And don't forget to bring the beer.

**Moraine Lake:** Just 12.5 kilometres up (or is that down?)



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the road from its more famous sister Lake Louise in the Alberta Rockies, Moraine is a jaw-dropping postcard-perfect lake surrounded by 10 majestic, snow-capped peaks. It is so jaw-dropping, it was once featured on the back of the \$20 bill, back when cash was cash and not plastic scented with a whiff of maple syrup.

**Louisbourg:** Parks Canada lists 167 National Historic Sites on its website. I haven't been to all 167, but the coolest I have been to is Louisbourg, the French fort on Cape Breton Island. The road to the fort is often shrouded in fog, so it's like travelling into the Twilight Zone to emerge 300 years in the past. In fact, this is Louisbourg's 300th birthday. Everything including the dinner menu is an authentic replica of the days before bilingualism when New France was more than a plank in Pauline Marois' platform. Actors recreate daily life in the fort and you're so swept away you forget to check your smartphone.

**The Beach:** Every province has one or more than one legendary strip of sand: Wasaga, Cavendish, Grand, Rathrrevor, Ballym, Winnipeg, Regina, and the mother of all beaches: Long Beach in Tofino and Ucluelet. Really long: 25 kilometres from one end of Radar to the other end of Wickannish. It's hard to single out a favourite, but I'm determined to spend the rest of my days trying.

**Niagara-on-the-Lake:** The classic tourist trap, but so what? It's a miracle this bucolic place still exists, so close to ... you know. Everyone here conspires to lighten your wallet, but unlike the Canada Revenue Agency and the cable company, they make you happy to oblige. Goes with other places that feature fudge: Niagara Falls, Granville Island, Banff, Lunenburg, etc.

**The cottage:** I grew up in one. My job was to haul water from a nearby artesian well and gather kindling for the fireplace. Now "the cottage" often sports a three-car garage and an indoor pool. But it's essentially the same idea. Go somewhere simple and stay there until you feel better. And don't forget to bring the bacon.

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### Rolling on the floor owling



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#### Friendship found in a dirty mop

This owl bears an uncanny resemblance to his new playmate, a mop, and thinks it is his sibling.

Lightning, a Siberian Eagle owl, got engrossed in the tool after spotting staff at the

Screech Owl Sanctuary in Cornwall, southwest England, using it. The three-month-old chick was born in captivity as part of a breeding program. Lightning's attraction may be comical, but it's important for the bird's development, according to his owner.

"Young owls, like

children, need this sort of playful enrichment when they are growing up and exploring the world," says Screech Owl Sanctuary head Carolyn Screech. "Everything is a big adventure, even this damp bundle of cleaning fabric."

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#### Sanctuary staff floored

**"The owl digs his talons into the mop, jumps on it and rides it while we clean the floors."**

Carolyn Screech,  
head of the Screech Owl Sanctuary

ling steampunk plunder-fest only adds to it. Start with a small band of salty sea dogs and upgrade your way to a fleet of zeppelins and submarines. (Free/iPad)

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# The Robin Hood mentality is often a thief sleight of hand

**Now You See Me.** The latest altruistic bank heist film is breaking into theatres this weekend, but it's not the first movie to have been there



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In just 12 minutes The Great Train Robbery tells the tale of a group of bandits who hold up a train and rob the passengers.

Made by Edwin Porter in 1903 it's been placed on the United States National Film Registry for its innovative use of composite editing, camera movement and on-location shooting.

It was one of the first narrative movies and it introduced moviegoers to the heist movie, a tradition that continues to this day.

This weekend Now You See Me presents an elaborate

## Heist ethics

**They are Robin Hood-style crooks, stealing money and giving it back to their audiences. The "steal from the rich to give to the poor" is a common theme in heist movies.**



**Now You See Me starts giving back to audiences this weekend.** HANDOUT

crime story of a team of magicians — led by Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson and Isla Fisher — who abracadabra their way into bank vaults.

They are Robin Hood-style crooks, stealing money and giving it back to their audiences.

The "steal from the rich to give to the poor" is a common theme in heist movies. Recently Tower Heist saw a rag tag group clean out a Bernie Madoff type in order to refund money to the people he swindled.

The Maiden Heist stars Christopher Walken as a museum security guard infatuated with the painting that gives the movie its name.

When it is announced that the artwork has been sold to a Danish gallery he's distraught — "Do you know how far away Copenhagen is?" — and ropes Morgan Freeman and William H. Macy into stealing the painting and two others so they can enjoy them together. Not exactly Robin Hood — they're stealing from the rich to give to

themselves — but their motives are artistically pure.

Not so pure are the reasons behind the heist in The Good, the Bad, the Weird — an Asian take on the similarly named Sergio Leone spaghetti western.

It's a chaotic two-hour chase for a treasure map — and then the treasure — in 1930s wartime Manchuria between a bounty hunter (the Good, played by Jung Woo-sung), a leader of evil bandits (the Bad, Lee Byung-hun) and a train robber (the Weird,

Song Kang-ho).

Director Ji-woon Kim calls this a "kimchee western," after the national dish of Korea because the plot and film, like the people of Korea, he says, are spicy and vibrant.

The Good, the Bad, the Weird has a few laughs but A Fish Called Wanda's story of armed robbery is a full-on comedy crime caper.

It has a 96 per cent rating on Rotten Tomatoes and was named one of the greatest British films of all time by Total Film.

## Rogen. Crowdfunding campaign a Superbad idea, former Freak says

Now that Netflix has brought back the cult favourite Arrested Development, Seth Rogen is waiting for word of a potential Freaks and Geeks reboot.

The Vancouver-bred movie star notes his short-lived 1999 NBC comedy has found new life on the online streaming service, where it has amassed even more fans — just as Arrested Development did before Netflix announced it would back fresh episodes about the dysfunctional Bluth clan.

Rogen says he'd be open to

a limited run of some kind of Freaks and Geeks reunion if the original cast, writers, directors and producers could be assembled, too.

"If they were able to do that I would be very open to doing more Freaks and Geeks," Rogen said Monday before attending a special screening of his big screen comedy This is the End in Toronto.

"I bet a lot of the people would do it."

But the Knocked Up star put the kibosh on any sort of crowdfunded effort, such

as the online fundraising campaigns that are fuelling a Veronica Mars movie and actor Zach Braff's sophomore directing project, Wish I Was Here.

"It seems weird to be taking money from fans to create something, I don't like that concept as much," Rogen said later during a question and answer session with fans following his movie, which he co-wrote and co-directed with fellow Superbad and Pineapple Express scribe Evan Goldberg.

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**Seth Rogen was the mind behind the cult hit Superbad.** GETTY IMAGES

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## Did Katy Perry nudge Pattinson away from Stewart?

It looks like Katy Perry might have been behind Robert Pattinson's decision to call it quits with Kristen Stewart, according to *Life & Style*.

Perry, a pal of Pattinson's, reportedly told the *Twilight* star that he deserved better than Stewart after her affair with director Rupert Sanders came to light last summer.

"Katy never really supported Rob's decision to get back with Kristen. She always said they wouldn't last," a source says. "Katy told Rob she didn't think their relationship could withstand the cheating scandal. And he deserved better than someone who would destroy a family

(like Rupert's.)"

Since his breakup, Pattinson has been spotted out and about with Perry in New York and in Santa Barbara, where the pair hung out at a hotel and spied on a wedding rehearsal, according to *People* magazine.

"They just sat together and watched," a source says. "They were not affiliated with the wedding party and were not seen mingling with guests."

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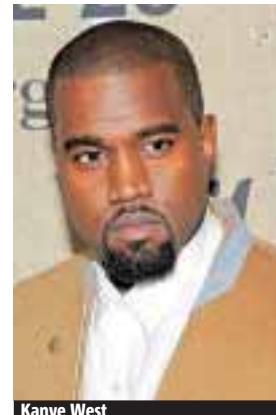
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Kanye West

## Kanye loses battle of the Alamo

Kanye West's bid to project his video for *New Slaves* on the Alamo in Texas turned out to be a losing battle when it became clear he had no permit for the spontaneous event, according to *MySanAntonio.com*. West announced his intentions to use the landmark on his website, prompting around 500 people — both fans and protesters — to turn up. But police got there first. "It's sad that people have such little respect for the Alamo," said a spokesman for the Texas General Land Office.



Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Bieber's driving disturbing neighbours

Justin Bieber is getting on his neighbours' nerves once again, and this time it's because he won't slow down near his home. The Canadian pop star was visited by the L.A. County Sheriff's Department in response to complaints about his reckless driving on the streets around his home, according to *E! News*. Police reportedly received numerous calls about the singer's driving on Monday alone, with many complaining that his speeding endangers the lives of neighborhood children playing outside.



Amanda Bynes

## Amanda Bynes' must-read Twitter account

Apparently Amanda Bynes has even more to say about her arrest last week for drug possession and recklessness.

"I'm so offended by all of this but so proud to not be a drug or alcohol user. I'm suing NYPD for illegally entering my apartment, lying about drugs on me and lying about me tampering with non-existent drug paraphernalia," she posted to Twitter over Memorial Day weekend.

"Then I'm suing for being put into a mental hospital against my will, then locked up overnight for coming home after a facial and working out with my trainer like the good girl that I am."

Bynes is also looking to the future, with possible new career in the works: "I'm getting in shape and getting a nose job," she posted. "I'm looking forward to a long and wonderful career as a singer/rapper."

**Twitter**



@mindykaling

I think I was the only person who ate food at the bbq I was at today - and I'm fine with that - I just want everyone to know that I know.



@MARLONWAYANS

Haven't slept in weeks... Wtf???



@JonahHill

Willy Wonka's a dark movie. One kid drowns, one blows up and pops, one gets sucked into machinery and one gets turned into tiny particles!



@Courtney

@AmandaBynes pull it together dude.

The Jersey Shore isn't going to let a superstorm get in the way of its summer fun. A good portion of the area is not only open and ready, but the folks there are pushing new ways for you to experience it — from big clubs to dog-friendly beach bars.

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Metro World News in New York



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# A fist pump for the Jersey Shore



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## HQ Beach Club/HQ Night Club at Revel

For those who like their summertime with a heavy dose of party, there's HQ Beach Club and HQ Nightclub, two new destinations at Atlantic City's newest casino, Revel. For night owls, the HQ Nightclub will host a revolving cast of high-profile DJs. And those who like their sunshine with a side of table service should try the HQ Beach Club, a luxe pool lounge with model servers offering bottle service for those relaxing on their daybeds or bungalows (reservations required).

The Jersey Shore gets exclusive with the Avenue's Beach Club, located in Long Branch. The members-only club is family-friendly during the day but transforms into a more adults-only spot at night with cocktails, a full menu and open-air lounges complete with a rooftop pool. Membership prices range from \$3,000 to \$5,500; weekend passes are also available when capacity permits. Call 732-759-2900 for more information.



FRANK SCOTT

## Beach Shack/Rusty Nail gets pet friendly

Going to the beach doesn't mean that your favourite furry friend has to stay home. The Beach Shack, Cape May's laid-back beachfront motel, is allowing dogs to stay overnight as well as to dine (from a new doggie menu) at popular beach bar the Rusty Nail. Rates for the Paw's Up package start at \$156 a night, which includes a \$35 a night pet fee.



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## Haven Nightclub

The Golden Nugget is making a big play in the nightlife market with the opening of its brand-new Haven Nightclub. The latest entry into the AC nightlife scene boasts a state-of-the-art DJ booth, LED video wall, dance floor, 25 banquette booths offering signature table service and two full-service bars. Ke\$ha and Pitbull were on hand for the grand opening earlier this month.

# Ooh la la worthy French Toast

French toast is synonymous with breakfast or brunch and this warm weather version is a must try.

With its three golden slices of egg loaf topped with caramelized bananas and sliced strawberries finished with maple cream sauté, it's simply delicious.

**1.** To make French toast batter: Combine 1 cup of the cream, egg and spices in stainless steel bowl. Whisk thoroughly until smooth.

**2.** Dip each slice of egg bread for about 5 seconds in batter, then place immediately on lightly oiled griddle on medium heat.

**3.** Cook for approx. 2 minutes, then flip over and continue cooking until both sides are golden brown.

**4.** To make sauce: toss banana and brown sugar together in bowl. Add to small pan on medium heat with a small amount of butter. Cook until sugar begins

## Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (360 ml) 35% Cream
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 ml) nutmeg
- 1 tsp (5 ml) allspice
- 12 egg bread slices
- 1 banana, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) brown sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) pure maple syrup
- 5 strawberries, thinly sliced
- Icing sugar, for dusting

to melt and bananas are a nice golden colour.

**5.** Reduce heat to low and add maple syrup. Keep the pan moving to ensure sugars don't burn.

**6.** Once syrup is bubbling, remove pan from heat and add remaining 1/2 cup of cream. Lightly stir until all ingredients come together. Keep warm.

**7.** Place 3 pieces of French

## French Toast



This recipe serves four. PRIME PUBS

toast on a plate and top with generous amount of sauce. Garnish with sliced strawberries and dust with icing sugar.

CHEF BRYAN JUREK OF PRIME PUBS'

## Drink of the Week

### Chocolate Almond Banana Smoothie

Give your morning or afternoon snack a bit of a kick-start with this cool and refreshing shake.

- 1 bottle (about 1 1/2 cups/ 350 ml) chocolate almond milk
- 1 medium banana, broken into pieces
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) ice cubes
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) almond butter
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) soy protein powder

Combine all ingredients in blender and puree until very smooth. Pour into 2 tall glasses and garnish with bananas if desired.

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# Let the garden inspire you: Skillet Eggs with Fontina

**1.** In nonstick skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add the

## Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 slices prosciutto, chopped
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 2 cups chopped Swiss chard
- 1/2 small zucchini, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup halved cherry or grape tomatoes
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup grated fontina cheese

prosciutto and onion and sauté until the onion is tender, 5 minutes. Add Swiss chard and zucchini and cook 6 minutes, or until vegetables are tender.

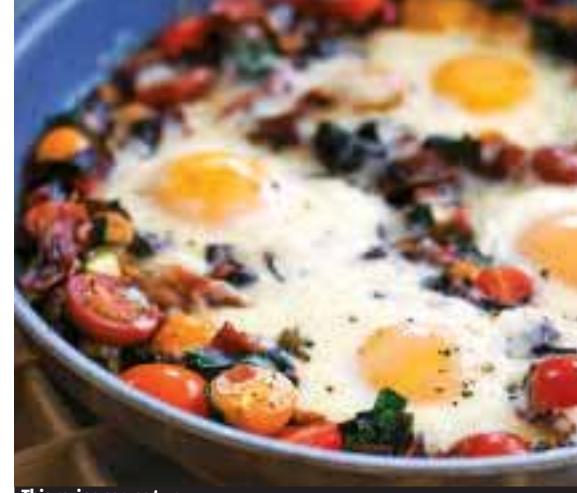
**2.** Add the tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Stir well, then arrange the vegetables in an even layer. Using a spoon, create 4 wells in the vegetables, each about 2 inches

across. Crack an egg into each well. Cover the skillet and cook until just shy of desired doneness, about 3 to 4 minutes.

**3.** Sprinkle the cheese over the vegetables and eggs, then cover and cook for another minute. Use a spatula to transfer half of the vegetables and 2 eggs onto each plate.

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# Disconnect from your desk at day-end

At the end of last year, the number of smartphones used around the world reached a colossal one billion. For businesses, the perks of technology advancements are endless. This is the case most of the time for consumers as well. However, with the world at your fingertips 24/7, it's easy to feel like you always need to be connected — especially when starting a new job. SO how do you leave work at work when it follows you home every day in the form of a mobile device?

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## Speak up

It's likely that the person contacting you in the evening or on weekends has no comprehension of how you spend your time outside of work. If there seems to be a common denominator when it comes to who's seeping into your "you" time, talk to them about it! Simply ask them to hold off on sending work-related emails during non-work hours unless it's truly urgent. Most people will understand.

## Step outside yourself

Take a moment to see how others may feel about your smartphone habits. Whether it's your friend, parent or child, no one likes the feeling that you're prioritizing your attention to your device over them. So drop the phone and focus your attention on what really matters in that moment.

## Learn to separate the importance of notifications

When you hear your phone go off, you likely go into a thought process that consists of: I wonder who that is? I wonder what it's about? I wonder if it's important? I wonder if I should check that? And so on. But not every alert is an urgent matter. Chances are, if it's something truly earth-shattering, the person trying to reach you will do so by calling.



## Let go of the guilt

When you don't respond within a prompt time frame (for many people, that means immediately), you may feel like you're slacking. The truth is, unless you're being paid to be on the clock at all times, you're allowed to have work-free time.

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# Keeping your eyes on the wise

**A guide to being guided.** To make a search for your mentor successful, you must look for who you could learn the most from

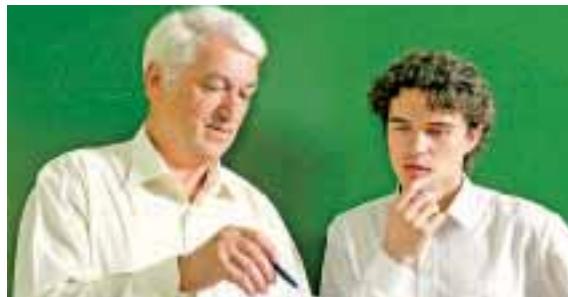
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Sometimes a boost can be just what you need to jump-start your career, and finding a mentor is one great way to do that.

The mentor-mentee relationship is a precious one. A mentor can coach you in your chosen field and open up a whole variety of new opportunities to you while you also keep your teacher abreast of more recent developments you've learned as a young person in your industry.

## What to do once you've met a potential mentor

1. Ask for advice, not mentorship: How you start a mentor-



**Prepare your ponderings:** Don't ask your mentor a ton of questions all at once and try to keep the ones you do ask as succinct as possible.  
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mentee relationship? Ask your potential mentor for advice about something rather than making the overly-formal request of "Will you be my mentor?" With any luck, your relationship will blossom from there.

2. Stay in touch: Once you've met a potential mentor, hopefully you will have had the chance to get their contact details. Send them an email saying how great it was to meet them and recall an interesting part of your conversation to

signal to them that you were listening and you were engaged in what they were saying.

3. Ask them questions, but don't bombard them: A good mentor wants to help you, but you shouldn't take advantage of their good nature. They are probably a very busy person and while they likely want to answer your questions, they may not have a whole lot of time to do so. TALENTEGG.CA IS CANADA'S LEADING JOB SITE AND ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES.

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# No guarantees at Blue Bombers training camp

**CFL.** Back-up QB battle takes centre stage as coach Tim Burke looks to trim the fat, force dramatic turnaround

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers will be spending a lot of time at training camp this season deciding on the pecking order among their three backup quarterbacks.

"Our whole training camp will be based on developing our quarterbacks, in addition to, you know, everybody else on the team," coach Tim Burke said Tuesday, a day before the start of rookie camp.

It won't be business as usual as far as evaluating pivots, he added, with all four at rookie camp including starter Buck Pierce.

"Normally you go into a season you say, 'OK, here's our No. 1 guy, here's our No. 2 guy, here's our No. 3 guy,' and so you proportion your reps accordingly with the No. 1 guy getting the vast majority of them," he said.

"In this camp, we're going to try to get everybody a lot of reps so we can see which will be the No. 2, 3 and 4 guys."

Veteran Justin Goltz is going in as the top candidate behind Pierce but Burke said there is no guarantee he will hold that

spot. The Bombers cut their other veteran backups, Alex Brink and Joey Elliott, in the off-season and signed Max Hall and Chase Clement, who have no CFL experience.

The Bombers still like Pierce and believe he gives them their best chance to win, when he stays healthy. He missed most of last season with a series of injuries and the Bombers went from Grey Cup contenders in 2011 to second-last in the CFL standings in 2012.

Burke also wants to improve the secondary and will give some new defensive backs a try.

"I didn't think our secondary played very well last year, so we brought in a lot of DBs to compete at that position," he said.

This is Burke's first full season as head coach, a position few seem to hold for very long lately with the Bombers. Burke is the sixth head coach in the last 10 years.

He replaced Paul LaPolice, who was sacked mid-season in 2012.

The Bombers won't get a look at their top two draft picks right away. Andy Mulumba has signed with the Green Bay Packers and Kristopher Robertson has a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

But they've signed third-round pick Carl Fitzgerald, who they will try to switch from a wide receiver to a fullback or tight end. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## High expectations

**"Certainly the guys who were here last year are going to have to play better than they played last year or they won't be here."**

Winnipeg coach Tim Burke on the need for improvement from last year's Bombers squad.



The Winnipeg Blue Bombers' Buck Pierce checks his chin after being hit late during a game against the Argonauts on Sept. 29, 2012. It is still unclear which one of three other quarterbacks at Bombers training camp will be backing up Pierce in the 2013 season. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Baseball

Goldeyes come back from deficit to light up Lemurs

Lemurs definitely do not thrive in the late May southern Manitoba climate.

On Tuesday night, the Winnipeg Goldeyes handed the Laredo Lemurs their second loss in as many nights, dropping the American Association's top early-season club to 10-2 after their red-hot undefeated start.

The North Division-leading Goldeyes — who came back from a 3-0 third-inning deficit to win 4-3 — now sit tied with the Lemurs for the best record among the league's 13 teams.

Winnipeg outfielder Ryan Scoma led the way with some timely hitting, including a two-run double in the sixth that got the Goldeyes' scoring started.

"It can't really happen unless the guys in front of you get on base, so I've got to thank them," said Scoma, who finished the night 2-for-4 with a run and a pair driven in. "Then again our pitching, coming in and shutting the door."

Goldeyes starter Mark Hardy improved to 3-0 on the season after battling through a rough first inning to go seven and a third, allowing three runs on seven hits with six strikeouts.

Winnipeg closer Patrick Keating earned his fifth save in as many attempts with a complete ninth inning.

The Goldeyes go for the three-game sweep of the Lemurs today at 11 a.m.

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# More sorrow for Jays' sore Morrow

**MLB.** Starting pitcher unable to shake discomfort in forearm as Braves go on attack and win in extra inning

It didn't take long to realize there was something wrong with Brandon Morrow.

His velocity was down, his slider wasn't working and the opposing team was taking advantage. Through two laborious innings Morrow was tagged for four runs, two earned, before the Toronto Blue Jays yanked their starting pitcher.

The Braves then went to work on Toronto's bullpen, which gave up three home runs. Brian McCann hit a pair of homers — including a tie-breaking solo shot in the 10th inning — as Atlanta edged the Blue Jays 7-6 on Tuesday after-



Blue Jays starter Brandon Morrow lasted just two innings against the Braves on Tuesday in Toronto.

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noon.

Morrow said his right forearm has been sore since his last appearance. There's no pain, just a lingering discomfort that hampered him on the mound.

"It wasn't explosive, the ball wasn't coming out of my hand

really well," he said. "It was just like there wasn't anything in there."

Morrow's day was done after 47 mostly off-speed pitches. His fastball has averaged 93.6 m.p.h. this season according to FanGraphs, but dipped during the game to 91.

Morrow said he plans to let the forearm rest and still expects to make his next start Sunday in San Diego.

With Morrow gone, the Blue Jays turned to reliever Ramon Ortiz for three innings. Ortiz held on until giving up back-to-back homers by Evan Gattis and McCann that gave Atlanta a 6-4 lead.

The bullpen rebounded for Toronto (22-30) with scoreless innings from Aaron Loup, Brett Cecil and Steve Delabar. But in the 10th inning, McCann turned on the second pitch from Thad Weber (0-1) for his first multi-homer game of the season and the ninth of his career.

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## Pacers get upper hand in Game 4 to even East final

The Pacers' Paul George blocks a shot by LeBron James of the Heat during Game 4 of the NBA Eastern Conference Final on Tuesday night in Indianapolis. The Pacers won 99-92 to even the series at 2-2.

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### Grappling for position

#### Wrestling leader confident of Olympic return

As the man leading wrestling's charge to preserve its Olympic status, Nenad Lalovic believes he's done what it takes.

Three months after wrestling was dropped from the 2020 Games, Lalovic will present a new-look sport and revamped governing body to the IOC on Wednesday in a bid to keep its Olympic place.

"I'm confident," Lalovic,

the new president of international federation FILA, said Tuesday. "A lot of people say to me, 'Oh, you won't face any problem here,' but we'll see. We did everything we could. Nothing else was possible."

Four years ago, the team asked him to come on board as coach. The Hall of Fame coach just wasn't ready.

#### NHL. Avs' coaching offer too sweet for Roy to pass up second time around



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This time around, the deal was sweetened — a chance to coach and have a say in hockey-related decisions.

He couldn't pass up this chance, agreeing last week to a four-year deal with a mutual option for a fifth season.

"I was afraid in 2009, that maybe I missed one of best opportunities of my life," Roy said at his introductory news conference Tuesday. "Here I am in 2013, same opportunity. I truly feel that sometimes, the biggest mistake we're making as a coach is you want to go too fast."

The fiery goaltender has mellowed since his retirement a decade ago. Well, as

much as he can anyway.

Roy has been serving as coach and general manager for the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League over the last eight seasons, which he feels has prepared him for taking over as a first-year NHL coach. But there's this hanging over his head: The stigma that great players don't make great coaches.

"I'm not nervous about that," said Roy, who won the Memorial Cup title with the Remparts in 2006 and finished with a 348-196 mark.

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### NHL PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### PITTSBURGH (1) VS. OTTAWA (7)

(Pittsburgh wins 4-1)

##### BOSTON (4) VS. N.Y. RANGERS (6)

(Boston wins 4-1)

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### CHICAGO (1) VS. DETROIT (7)

(Series tied 3-3)

##### Monday's result

Chicago 4 Detroit 3

##### Wednesday's game

Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.

##### LOS ANGELES (5) VS. SAN JOSE (6)

(Series tied 3-3)

##### Tuesday's result

San Jose at Los Angeles

#### SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Krejci, Bos	5	12	17
Malkin, Phg	4	12	16
Letang, Phg	3	13	16
Crosby, Phg	7	8	15
Horton, Bos	5	7	12

Tuesday's game not included

### NBA PLAYOFFS

#### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)

(Miami leads 2-1)

##### Tuesday's result

Miami at Indiana

##### Thursday's game

Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### SAN ANTONIO (2) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio wins 4-0)

##### Mondays result

San Antonio 93 Memphis 86

### MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	21	.604	—
New York	30	20	.600	1/2
Baltimore	28	23	.549	3
Tampa Bay	26	24	.520	4/2
Toronto	22	30	.423	9/2

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	20	.592	—
Cleveland	27	23	.540	2/2
Chicago	24	25	.490	5
Kansas City	21	28	.429	8
Minnesota	20	28	.417	8/2

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	32	20	.615	—
Oakland	29	23	.558	3
Los Angeles	23	28	.451	8/2
Seattle	22	29	.431	9/2
Houston	15	37	.288	17

#### Tuesday's results

Atlanta 7 Toronto 6 (10 inn.)

Philadelphia 3 Boston 1

St. Louis 4 Kansas City 1

Colorado 2 Houston 1

Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, ppd.

Pittsburgh at Detroit

Miami at Tampa Bay

San Francisco at Oakland

San Diego at Seattle

Cincinnati 4 Cleveland 2

N.Y. Mets 2 N.Y. Yankees 1

Minnesota 6 Milwaukee 3

Baltimore 6 Washington 2

Arizona 5-5 Texas 3-4

L.A. Dodgers 8 L.A. Angels 7

Wednesday's games — All times Eastern

Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-0) at Chicago

Cubs (Feldman 4-4), 2:20 p.m.

Boston (Lackey 3-4) at Philadelphia

(Kendrick 4-3), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Sanchez 5-4) at Pittsburgh

(Burnett 3-5), 7:05 p.m.

Toronto (Rogers 1-2) at Atlanta (Medlen 1-5), 7:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Hernandez 2-5) at Miami

(Koehler 0-2), 7:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Mendoza 1-2) at St. Louis

(Lynn 7-1), 8:15 p.m.

Houston (Bedard 0-2) at Colorado (Chatwood 3-0), 8:40 p.m.

Seattle (Saunders 3-5) at San Diego

(Stults 4-4), 10:10 p.m.

Oakland (Milone 4-5) at San Francisco

(Lincecum 3-4), 10:15 p.m.

### French Open

#### Djokovic intent on completing career Grand Slam

Novak Djokovic does not try to hide his ambitions. He makes perfectly clear that he wants to win a French Open title more than anything.

Embarking on a bid to complete a career Grand Slam and fill the only glaring hole on his resume, the No. 1-ranked Djokovic pulled out a tight first set en route to a 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-5 victory Tuesday in the first round against David Goffin, a Belgian who surprised Roland Garros a year ago.

"I love this Grand Slam," Djokovic said. "I really want to do well here."

Following the first set in which Goffin won more total points, Djokovic went on to dominate. There were not too many hiccups for Djokovic, although he did get broken at love by Goffin, evening the second set at 4-all. Djokovic broke right back and was really on his way.

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# Soak up the 2014 Kia Sorento

**Review.** New Sorento will satisfy as its DNA has been upgraded

**MALCOLM GUNN**  
wheelbasemedia.com

The new 2014 Kia Sorento really depends on how you look at it, or more correctly, where you look at it.

Kia's current design renaissance encompasses the street-wise Soul and Sportage wagons as well as the Optima and Rio sedans. You can also place the current-generation Sorento that was launched for 2011 on that list. The lines are so right on the money in terms of contemporary style and carrying capacity that there was no point in monkeying around with the mid-sized wagon's looks.

Surprisingly, however, just about every other part of the Sorento's DNA has been altered, redesigned, or otherwise enhanced, kind of like when Peter Parker was bitten by the spider to become Spider-Man. Same kid on the outside, but better reflexes and more power. For 2014, Kia has mounted the Sorento on a platform that's identical to that of parent Hyundai's five-passenger Santa Fe Sport. Kia claims the new structure is stiffer than the 2013 version; attached to that is a stouter sub-frame that holds the powertrain more firmly.

There's also a new independent front suspension, while a more compact rear suspension aids interior space and restricts noise and vibrations from entering the cabin.

The Sorento's hydraulic power-steering system has been exchanged for a more efficient electric unit that features Comfort, Normal and Sport settings, depending on your desired level of steering firmness.



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## 2014 Kia Sorento

- Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive wagon
- Engines (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (191); 3.3-litre DOHC V6 (290)
- Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- Base price (incl. destination)** \$28,500

## Design

For 2014, the Georgia-built Sorento receives a minor nose tweak, including the ubiquitous mesh-style grille, updated headlights and optional fog lights, plus new tail light lenses. Otherwise the silhouette remains basically the same.



## Engine

Under the hood, the 191-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder with direct injection (fuel is sprayed under very high pressure directly into the combustion chambers instead of the intake manifold) carries on with its base-engine duties.

Under the hood lies a 3.3 litre V6

Kia's design team also took care of business on the inside, installing a new instrument panel and centre control stack with easier-to-find buttons and knobs. As before, Sorento can accommodate up to seven passengers with the optional third-row seat, but there's precious little legroom in back and

equally scarce stowage room when loaded to the max with passengers. There is a solution if a more comfy back row is a must, but it requires visiting your Hyundai dealer to scope out the extended-wheelbase version of the Santa Fe.

For 2014, Kia is holding firm to the same LX, EX and SX trim

levels. At the top, the SX model does its best to coddle passengers with a wood-trimmed interior with ventilated soft leather-covered seats on the inside, while self-leveling headlights and exclusive 19-inch wheels are installed outside.

Options include a power liftgate, panoramic sunroof

advanced voice-activated communications, infotainment and navigation controls (incorporating an eight-inch touch-screen) and a blind-spot monitoring system that constantly tracks vehicles in the immediate vicinity and issues an audible and visual alert should any get too close.

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# The missing Linc: Young's mission to drive big and clean

**Auto Know.** Rock legend's '59 Lincoln Hybrid allows all who drive to keep on rockin' in a green world

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When the smoke finally cleared, nothing was left but a charred Lincoln chassis and the memories of what could have been.

The love child of legendary Canadian rocker Neil Young, LincVolt — a 1959 Lincoln Continental and the object of Young's affection — was a mess of singed scrap after a fire in November of 2010 rolled through its storage warehouse in San Francisco, Calif.

Young had already invested three years and millions of his own dollars into LincVolt; a project that converted his ride from a stylish but ordinary cream-coloured Continental convertible, into a freakishly efficient, plug-in hybrid, powered by American-made biofuel.

The fire was caused after an unproven charging system overheated when left unsupervised, just days after Young introduced LincVolt to the world at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas.

But what the flames claimed in car parts and man hours, it failed to touch in Young's commitment to the LincVolt project.

"While this is a setback for us," Young said immediately after the fire, "we are planning ways to continue."

For more than 40 years, Young has used his superstar status in rock 'n' roll as a platform to take on social issues, mainly to promote eco-consciousness. But the two-time Grammy Award winner is also an avid car collector. And to him, bigger is always better, which is why Young believes the LincVolt project is so important to the future of the auto industry.

"Some people will buy small cars, but a lot of people want big cars," Young said, "big, strong, smart cars."

LincVolt was born from a three-pronged agenda shared by Young and his project team:

**1)** Decrease carbon-dioxide emissions through increased use of biofuel and less fossil-fuel usage.

**2)** Work toward future independence from foreign oil.

**3)** Push back against the big oil companies who make record profits every year, but give little to Mother Earth in return.

"You don't see much about what's really going on with the climate in the media," Young explained. "It's just not a fast-moving subject. It's kind of a slow-moving story. But it's not going to be going away unless we do something."

So armed with the lessons and knowledge from the first construction, LincVolt Part II reached its completion this spring with a head-turning, 2,400-kilogram, six-metre-long 1959 Lincoln Continental hybrid that proves people and perseverance can make "big" and "green" fit in the same sentence.

The new creation is affectionately named "Miss Pegi" as a tribute to Young's wife, who surprised her husband on his birthday with a donor Continental to replace LincVolt parts damaged by the fire.

Young, now 67, is celebrating his creation and message with a trip across the United States in Miss Pegi, and also with a documentary on the highs and lows of the project, and a running blog and timeline on [lincvolt.com](http://lincvolt.com).

Truly a groundbreaking machine, it delivers a 600-kilometre range on a tank of biofuel, and an 80-kilometre range on electric power only. Most recently, Young and his LincVolt made a media visit in Sioux Falls, S.D., one stop on the way to Washington, D.C., where Young hopes to share the importance of this project with U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu.

## Miss Pegi can never die

**"We have a full-size car that has less emissions than the best hybrid. So it's cool and it is very sexy, and it performs. You have to have that and we do."**

Neil Young, singer-songwriter and the inspiration behind the LincVolt

Using American-made biofuel, Young said LincVolt cuts carbon dioxide emissions by 86 per cent compared to gasoline, which saves about half a metric tonne of the known greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere for every 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres) LincVolt drives.

"If this can be done with a 1959 Lincoln Continental," Young said, "such an exercise would be much easier in a lighter-weight and more aerodynamic vehicle."

The LincVolt is a complex machine that took years to plan and a team of experts to handle the conversion from standard gasoline to biofuel hybrid power.

A Ford four-cylinder engine mated with a 150-kilowatt electric motor provides 200 horsepower and about 25 miles per U.S. gallon (9.4 l/100 km) on the open road, while a micro-turbine generator produces about 30 kilowatts (40 horsepower) for charging and running on electric power.

"What does it feel like to drive this car? It is absolutely amazing," said Young, proud that every part of "Miss Pegi" is American made, other than the 104 lithium-ion batteries that come from China. "It's whisper quiet in electric mode and it is very fast for its size."

Jeff Broin, founder of Poet Biorefining and a pioneer in the biofuel business, oversees development and production of the Cellulosic Ethanol used to fuel the car. It's a biofuel produced from wood, grasses or the inedible parts of a plant, and is one of the cleanest burning fuels on



Canadian rock legend Neil Young in his LincVolt 'Miss Pegi'. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE



The new LincVolt stands proud after its predecessor perished in a fire



The LincVolt runs on a combination of biofuel and electricity.

the planet.

Paul Perrone, founder of Perrone Robotics, built the car's brain that encompasses a control centre that links all the complex systems, from navigation and entertainment, to battery checks and safety warnings.

Then there's Johnathan Goodwin — known simply as the "Motorhead Messiah" because of his mastery at bal-

ancing horsepower and performance with fuel performance and low emissions — a key player in developing and building the LincVolt prototype at his shop in Wichita, Kan. Given more time to tinker, Goodwin believes he'll be able to achieve 100 m.p.g. (2.4 l/100 km) with LincVolt.

So, what started out as nothing more than an idea has turned into what Young

hopes will be a pilot project that grabs the attention of the public and automakers, and dispels the popular belief that the terms "clean" and "efficient" are reserved only for tiny, sleepy hybrids.

"We have a full-size car that has less emissions than the best hybrid," Young said. "So it is cool, and it is sexy, and it performs. You have to have that, and we do."

# The good, the bad and the ugly of insurance

**Autopilot.** Heroes and villains: A big money fraudster who bit off too much and those kind people who left letters on my car



There's been lots of talk recently about the high cost of vehicle insurance. A report by the Fraser Institute concluded that provinces with "government insurance monopolies" tend to have higher premiums than provinces with "private sector, competitive markets."

But Ontario has the highest premiums of them all — higher than provinces with so-called insurance monopolies. If the Ontario NDP gets its way, the Ontario Liberal Government will include some insurance cost reform in its soon-to-be-tabled Budget.

Through the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) the private insurers have just mounted a public campaign, to explain the Ontario discrepancy. Its argument, backed by the Fraser Report, is that most of the money is going to the wrong places — hidden legal fees, fraud, and excessive assessments by for-profit medical facilities.

One criminal outfit called "Project 92" was estimated to bill \$25 million in fraudulent insurance claims. Its ringleader, now behind bars, staged fake accidents and had corrupt accomplices in every link of the repair and medical chain, who overbilled for everything.

When vehicles come together in noisy and expensive ways, it's not always the worst in people that shows up; sometimes it's the best. At least that's been my experience.

Over the years I've had three parked cars that have been hit by somebody when I wasn't around, and in every instance, they left a note, and eventually made proper restitution.

The most memorable of these occasions was the



## Mechanical chivalry

**"When vehicles come together in noisy and expensive ways, it's not always the worst in people that shows up; sometimes it's the best."**

then settling into a Hyundai Sonata owned by my neighbour Tim.

When Tim and I went out in the morning, we both found notes on our cars, just listing a phone number to call about the damage. My left mirror was gone, and a fender was creased. Tim's car was a bit worse.

I eventually got hold of his teenage son, who explained that his father, being a recent immigrant, couldn't speak English too well. Both of them would come around on Saturday to make arrangements. I offered to call my insurance company. Maybe he just could pay the deductible? I

was a bit worried that his body shop of choice might not do the job as properly as my body shop of choice.

He said I should not worry at all about getting my car fixed, or getting it fixed properly, because his father was a very honest man. I distinctly remember how he said all this. He said it slow and with no inflection, like he wasn't trying to sell me anything, just stating a fact.

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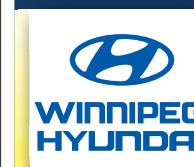
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# Airbag safety is, literally, all in your hands

**Driving force.** Be careful what you keep on your lap and how you handle your wheel

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Do you "hook" the wheel when you make a turn, reaching in and holding it with your palm facing you?

If so, it's a very bad habit that you need to change. Not only does it affect your driving, but it has the potential for serious injury.

"You should drive with two hands at either side, at 10-and-2 or 9-and-3," says Scott Marshall, director of training for Young Drivers of Canada.

"By hooking your hand inside the wheel, you're limiting your steering ability. If you use your right hand, you can steer to your left, but you can't steer to your right if a problem occurs."

"There's a higher possibility that you can't control the car, and you get in a crash."

Your steering wheel contains an airbag which, in a crash, deploys in milliseconds at some 300 km/h to prevent you from hitting the dash or windshield.

If you're hooking the wheel when this happens, the airbag will break your arm.

If you drive with one hand at the top of the wheel, it puts your arm across the airbag. If it deploys, it will smash your hand into your face.

"You'll be severely injured because of your own knuckle and any jewelry you're wearing," Marshall says.

If your hands are at the sides of the wheel, the airbag will force them sideways and away from your face.

You may bruise your knuckles on the door panel, but it's preferable to risking broken bones or facial injuries.

"Don't be in fear of the air-

## Smart advice

### "You'll be severely injured because of your own knuckle and any jewelry you're wearing."

Scott Marshall, director of training for Young Drivers of Canada

On the dangers behind not holding your steering wheel correctly and what can happen if you don't.

bag," Marshall says. "You should sit at least 25 centimetres away from the wheel, because the force is strongest at the beginning of its deployment.

"Sit as far back as you can, but so your right foot can touch the floor behind the brake pedal, with a slight bend in your leg.

"When you have two hands on the wheel, you should have a slight bend in your arms.

"You can make adjustments with the back of the seat if you're shorter. You can sit closer, but recline the seat."

The right side of the dash also contains an airbag. Passengers should sit as far

## Rules

- **No items on lap.** Don't carry items on your lap. In a crash, hard or sharp items such as the corners of boxes can cause injury.

- **Pets should be buckled up.** A deploying airbag will kill a pet sitting on your lap. Pets should be in the back seat, buckled in with a travel harness or pet carrier.

- **Be aware of the airbag positions.** Most newer vehicles have at least six airbags. Know where they are, and sit safely around them.



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